GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEASURES TO CHECK NAXAL ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxal activities are spreading in various parts of the country including the northern States and in tribal and forest areas;

(b) if so,the details of the States affected thereof;

(c) the details of persons killed including civilians and security personnel and loss of property along with naxalites arrested and killed during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce special developmental schemes for naxal affected States;

(e) if so,the details thereof alongwith the time by which these schemes are likely to be introduced;

(f) whether any nexus between naxalites and other militant outfits and/or ISI has been reported;

(g) if so,the details thereof;and

(h) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle naxalism including rising special forces, setting up of jungle warfare schools,providing Mine resistance/ambush protector vehicles, modern weapons, safety bullet proof jackets to security personnel etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.242 FOR 16.12.2008 REGARDING "MEASURES TO CHECK NAXAL ACTIVITIES"

(a) to (h): During 2008,most incidents of naxal violence were reported from certain areas of Andhra Pradesh,Bihar,Chhattisgarh,Jharkhand,Maharashtra,Orissa and West Bengal.Stray incidents have been reported from some other States.However,over 80% of the incidents and casualties have occurred in four States alone, namely, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa.Year-wise details of incidents, persons killed and naxalites arrested are given in the Annexure.There are no inputs to suggest that the naxals have established links with the ISI.

The policy of the Government is to deal with naxal problem in a holistic manner on security and development fronts.The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Governments through a wide range of ongoing schemes both in the spheres of development and security.Security provides the necessary environment for development to take place.A Task Force has also been set up under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to promote the coordinated efforts across the range of security and development activities so that naxal problem in the affected areas could be tackled in a comprehensive manner.It has been periodically reviewing the measures which have been taken and the progress made under various schemes.

On the security side,such assistance inter alia includes deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police,raising of India Reserve Battalions;assistance for strengthening, upgradation and modernization of the State Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces; which inter alia, includes assistance for mobility,mine protected vehicles, modern weaponry and other security related equipments, etc.;re-imbursement of certain types of security-related expenditure, financial grants for filling critical infrastructure gaps pertaining to security arrangements (a new Central scheme with an outlay of Rs.500 crore has been launched during the 11th Plan period); assistance in respect of training of State Police; sharing of Intelligence and facilitating inter-State coordination.In addition,various measures have been taken directly at the level of the Central Government which include a decision to establish ten Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (COBRA) in the CRPF, as a specialized force trained and equipped for counter-insurgency and jungle-warfare operations and establishment of twenty Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism (CIAT) Schools in various States for providing training to members of the State Police forces.

On the development side,assistance is provided through a range of schemes of different Ministries. Under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF),National Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes (NREGS), Prime Minister's Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

very large Central assistance has been provided to the affected States.Coordinated action is taken to intensify the development effort in the areas where intensity of the naxal problem is higher.Special dispensation is also allowed for such areas under certain developmental schemes.